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Mr. Harry G. Upham

Dear Mr. Upham:

I am replying to your letter of August 21st on behalf of Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence.

Many of the aspects surrounding the Powers' trial are still in the classified field and impossible to discuss at this time. However, it is not difficult to believe that the Soviets spent the nearly four months between May first and the date of the trial conditioning Powers to respond in the manner they desired, even short of the traditional techniques of so-called "brain-washing." Their obvious desire was to portray Powers and his country in the most unfavorable light possible.

Sincerely,

Signed

Assistant to the Director

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to to to

Mr. Allen Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am writing you to express my deep concern over your personnel policies.

How could you employ a person such as Francis B. Powers who, with his display of a complete lack of moral fiber, that this country does not have people who are willing to stand up and be counted.

As recently as WWII I served in the Royal Canadian Air Force with other Americans who possibly don't meet your standards of employment, but were convinced that they were in a worthwhile fight to win and if dying was part of the price they were quite willing to pay it.

~~What little information I have regarding~~  
Mr. Powers indicates to me that he  
has always been a person looking for  
the easy way out.

In my opinion the failure of Mr Powers  
as a representative of the United States has  
done a great deal to convince our allies  
in this current struggle that we are as  
soft + comfort loving as the communist countries  
Tell them we are

I certainly believe that you should  
get some one to hire people for these jobs  
that can tell a tiger from a money hungry  
boy of no integrity.

Sincerely yours

Harry B. W. Shaw

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